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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PARAT ET AL.

Examiner

Lisa Kilday

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on pre-amendment filed on 9/23/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Bajor et al. (5,382,541). In re claim 18, Bajor et al. discloses in figure 3 an isolation structure comprising: a first and a second area; a plurality of shallow isolation trenches ("330") in the first area; and a plurality of deep isolation trenches ("310") in the second area (col. 3, lines 25-56), the deep isolation trenches and the shallow isolation trenches being perfectly aligned (wherein the claim limitation "perfectly aligned" is the disclosed "self-aligned"; abstract; claim 1; col. 5, line 66 – col. 6, line 5; col. 7, lines 5-8; col. 7, lines 10-14).

In re claim 19, Bajor et al. discloses an isolation structure where the shallow trenches are between approximately 1000-2000 Å (col. 7, lines 19-25).

In re claim 20, Bajor et al. discloses wherein the plurality of deep isolation trenches are between approximately 3000-6000 Å in depth (col. 7, lines 19-25).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Chen et al. (6,297,127).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0957. See MPEP 203.08.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Lisa Kilday whose telephone number is (571) 272-1962. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Tokar, can be reached on (571) 272-1812. The fax number for the group is (703) 872-9306. MPEP 502.01 contains instructions regarding procedures used in submitting responses by facsimile transmission.

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